MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Two sites were considered. One was on the recommendation of the committee. That site is the one opposite to the Public Offices covering the Imperial Bank of India and a few acres adjacent to that. That was found to cost if you acquire it and build the Council Hall on it, about five or six lakhs of rupees. Government thought that that was too expensive a proposition; and so, another site was thought of. That was, the site on this side of the law College. That, on consideration, was found to be too small for the purpose. The matter lies there.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): When was it found that the second site was not sufficient for the purpose?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That was in 1927.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know how I am to reconcile the following observations of the Dewan-President of this Council on the 9th August 1928 with the answer now given by the Chief Secretary.

"MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, in regard to the Council Hall, Government are equally interested in having one as early as possible. And, with this object, ever since the resolution was passed, Government have been, in correspondence with the Chief Engineer; but unfortunately he is not able to select a suitable site.

"PRESIDENT: That is not quite correct. The site has been settled, the preliminary plans have been drawn up and we are only waiting to bring forward a supplementary grant for the purpose.

"MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I was not aware of that.

"PRESIDENT: The plans were shown to the members at the last Finance Committee meeting"?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am now answering from the papers now before me. Perhaps, the then Dewan-President had before him certain other papers, relating to the question which I do not now have before me. That is all I can say. His answer might have been based on papers in his personal custody.

Senior District Superintendent of Police.

69. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): With reference to the statement, "and the Senior District Superintendent became the Personal Assistant", made by the Commissioner of Police during the Budget Session of the Council on the 13th August 1930 (pp. 775-776 of Vol. XVII of the Council Proceedings), will the Government be pleased to state when Mr. Pitchu Aiyangar was declared the senior of all the District Superintendents?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Mr. Pitchu Aiyangar has not been declared by Government to be the senior of all the District Superintendents of Police.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I wish to know whether the Commissoiner of Police did not refer to Mr. Pitchu Aiyangar when he spoke of the senior District Superintendent of Police being his Personal Assistant?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) ; May I know whether the D. S. P., who is the senior according to the Commissioner, is not the senior according to Government also ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The language of the Commissioner of Police was not quite clear. He meant only a senior D. S. P.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : Are there many senior D. S. Ps. ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There is relative seniority between the different D. S. Ps.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : It is not this kind of vagueness that I expect from Government. I wish to know whether there are more than one senior D. S. P ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Among the four D. S. Ps., three may be considered to be the senior D. S. Ps., and the fourth junior D. S. P. It was an inadvertant error on the part of the Commissioner of Police when he spoke of '*the senior*' D. S. P. being his Personal Assistant.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : I should have understood *that* answer if it had been given even at the outset. But, to say that, out of the four D. S. Ps., three are senior D. S. Ps., is a statement which I do not expect from Government. I can quite understand it if it was a mistake on the part of the Commissioner of Police.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have already stated that it was an inadvertant error.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*) : That, I can appreciate. I merely wanted to know whether Mr. Pitchu Aiyangar has recently been made the senior D. S. P. I found from the Civil List that another gentleman was the senior D. S. P. I therefore wanted the information whether that gentleman had since been superceded. I expect a straightforward answer from Government ; I can appreciate that.

Appointment of Personal Assistant to the Commissioner of Police.

70. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) ; Will the Government be pleased to state why the Senior District Superintendent of Police was not made the Personal Assistant to the Commissioner of Police ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No consideration of seniority was necessary in the case, as the Personal Assistant's appointment was not one of higher status than that of the District Superintendent of Police.

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